

**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS**  
**FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CLAIMS BOARD**  
**HELD IN ROOM 648 OF THE KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION,**  
**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**  
**ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2018, AT 9:30 A.M.**

**Present: Chair Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo**

1. **Call to Order.**
2. **Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.**

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

3. **Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9).**

- a. **Susan Spell, M.D., v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**United States District Court Case No. 2:15-CV-07775**

This lawsuit alleges Plaintiff's civil rights were violated when the Department of Children and Family Services detained her four minor children without a warrant.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$150,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

**b. Howard Bloomgarden v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV-11-9449**

This lawsuit alleges civil rights violations and excessive force on an inmate at Twin Towers Correctional Facility when he was disciplined for possession of contraband.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$60,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

**c. Juan Isaac Garza v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 553 211**

This lawsuit alleges deliberate indifference to an inmate's medical needs while he was incarcerated at Twin Towers Correctional Facility.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$5,900,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**d. Non-Litigated Claim of Robert L. Ritchie and Deanna Ritchie**

This claim seeks compensation from the Department of Public Works for real and personal property damage allegedly caused from a backflow of sewage due to a sewer mainline blockage.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$29,257.91 (includes prior payment of \$14,621.67).

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

e. **Erin Hughes v. County of Los Angeles, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 549 059**

This dangerous condition lawsuit arises from injuries and property damage sustained when a County-owned tree maintained by the Department of Public Works fell on top of Plaintiff's car.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$99,999.99.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

f. **Javier Coria Gonzalez, et al. v. Juan G. Alonso, et al.**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 590 459**

This lawsuit arises from alleged injuries sustained in an automobile accident involving an employee from the Department of Public Works.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$70,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

g. **Old Republic General Insurance Corporation v. County of Los Angeles**  
**Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 582 690**

This Department of Health Services lawsuit relates to a complaint in intervention relating to workers' compensation benefits paid to or on behalf of James Cobb.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$87,391.41.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

**h. Michael Young v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. VC 065 892**

This medical malpractice and dependent adult abuse lawsuit concerns allegations that Plaintiff suffered injuries while he was a patient at Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$299,950.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

**i. Yan Kay v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 574 156**

**Juan Carlos v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 596 221**

These consolidated lawsuits arise from alleged injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Fire Department emergency engine.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$292,500.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Documents](#)

**j. Christopher Davis v. County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 556 634**

This lawsuit concerns allegations that the Fire Department denied employment to Plaintiff based on disability discrimination.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$250,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

**4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.**

The Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as indicated under Agenda Item No. 3 above.

**5. Approval of the minutes of the January 8, 2018, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

[See Supporting Document](#)

**6. Items not on the posted agenda, to be referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a further meeting of the Board, or matters requiring immediate action because of emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the posting of the agenda.**

No such matters were discussed.

**7. Adjournment.**

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Susan Spell, M.D., v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	2:15-CV-07775
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	October 4, 2015
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Children and Family Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ \$150,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Donnie R. Cox, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Armita Radjabian Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	Plaintiff Susan Spell, M.D., filed this action for unlawful seizure and violation of familial association arising from the warrantless detention of her four minor children.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ \$99,216
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ \$13,265

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Howard Bloomgarden v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV 11-9449-DDP (MRWx)
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	February 1, 2011
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 60,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Torrence E. S. Lewis Howard W. Anderson, III, LLC
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Lucia Gonzalez Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$60,000, inclusive of attorneys' fees and costs, a federal civil rights lawsuit brought by Howard Bloomgarden, who claims that Sheriff's Department employees violated the First Amendment and the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act by confiscating and destroying his religious items during cell searches at the Twin Towers Correctional Facility in October 2010 and July 2011. He also claims that a Custody Assistant used excessive force against him during a pat-down search in September 2011.</p> <p>The employees contend that their conduct was reasonable under the circumstances.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs; therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$60,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 189,509
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 3,077

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Juan Isaac Garza v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC553211
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	July 30, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department and Department of Mental Health
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 5,900,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Hermez Moreno, Esq. Raymond Boucher, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Lucia Gonzalez Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$5,900,000 a negligence lawsuit filed by Juan Isaac Garza a pre-trial detainee at Twin Towers Correctional Facility who claims that because Sheriff's Deputies and medical staff failed to properly treat and monitor him during his incarceration, he suffered a seizure and a significant brain injury in May 2012.</p> <p>Given the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs; therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$5,900,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 484,188
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 269,588

**Case Name:**

Garza, Juan v. County of Los Angeles

County of Los Angeles  
Summary Corrective Action Plan

## Summary Corrective Action Plan

The intent of this form is to assist departments in writing a corrective action plan summary for attachment to the settlement documents developed for the Board of Supervisors and/or the County of Los Angeles Claims Board. The summary should be a specific overview of the claims/lawsuits' identified root causes and corrective actions (status, time frame, and responsible party). This summary does not replace the Corrective Action Plan form. If there is a question related to confidentiality, please consult County Counsel.

Date of incident/event:	May 15, 2012
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Mental Health Clinical Supervisor recommended moving Inmate Garza into a single man cell because of his suicidal ideations, but the Supervisor did not see any signs of medical emergency. He was handcuffed and walked on his own accord to E-POD cell 6, 172 HOH.</li> <li>An inmate in the day room told deputies that Inmate Garza was standing on his desk in his cell, falling backwards and hitting his head. He repeated this action 4-6 times.</li> <li><b>NOTE:</b> it is unknown the exact time Inmate Garza entered the cell, because there was no CCTV in 2012.</li> <li>Within two hours Inmate Garza was found "man down" in his cell from self inflicted injuries, and unresponsive.</li> </ul>

**1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:**

The primary **Department** root cause in this incident involved the lack of an Inmate Safety Check" relating to the deputies responsibility to call for medical staff when and inmate is man down. In this case the deputy called for Mental Health staff only.

The secondary **Department** root cause in this incident involved the lack of CCTV camera's to capture the incidents of Inmate Garza harming himself and attempting suicide on the stair railing.

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County of Los Angeles

Summary Corrective Action Plan

## 2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:

(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

1. Revision of the "Inmate Safety Checks" policy
2. Installation of Security Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Cameras

Camera Installation Completed on August 11, 2014

Number of Cameras Installed in total: 750

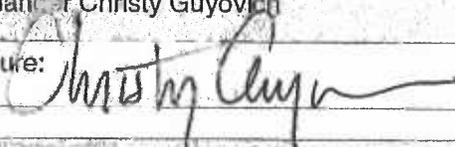
Number of Cameras Operational and Recording: 750

Responsible person: Assistant Sheriff Kelly Harrington

**Case Name:**

Garza, Juan v. County of Los Angeles

County of Los Angeles  
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Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Commander Christy Guyovich	
Signature: 	Date: 11-2-17

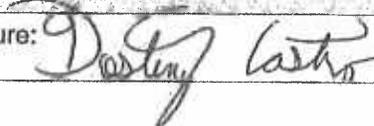
Name: (Department Head) Chief Stephen B. Johnson	
Signature: 	Date: 11/2/17

**Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY**

Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?

Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.

No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.

Name: (Risk Management Inspector General) CEO Destiny Castro	
Signature: 	Date: 11/2/2017

Case Name: Juan Isaac Garza



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Date of incident/event:	May 15, 2012
Briefly provide a description of the incident/event:	<p>Mr. Juan Isaac Garza, a 22 year-old male at the time of this event, was incarcerated for attempted murder on May 9, 2012. In the Reception Center on May 10, 2012, he answered negatively to the 15-question screening related to mental health issues. The Department of Mental Health Information System showed one past episode of treatment in 2009 with a diagnosis of Schizophrenia, but with no follow-up or medications.</p> <p>On May 15, 2012, Ellen Wong, a Jail Mental Health (JMH) Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Jail Mental Evaluation Team (JMET) supervisor, was asked to assess Mr. Garza while he was waiting to be moved into a double-man cell on 162. According to Ms. Wong, she was told by an inmate that he had fallen but she said that she did not witness the fall. She also felt that his mental status examination was the same as the previous day and that he had no evidence of injury. Ms. Wong requested that Custody move Mr. Garza back to the single-man housing area after this incident in order to secure his safety. Later that morning, he was found "man down" on the cell floor and unresponsive. A nursing note indicated that he appeared post-ictal with trauma and abrasions to his face, and had left periorbital swelling. Mr. Garza was sent to the Los Angeles County Medical Center where he was found to have a subdural hematoma requiring a hemi-craniotomy.</p>

1. Briefly describe the root cause(s) of the claim/lawsuit:

- A. At the time of the event, there was no system, i.e., policy, procedure or training on when and how to interview an inmate who is lying on the floor, and how to determine the need for a medical evaluation for such an individual.
- B. The JMH clinician's documentation did not include detailed information regarding the timeline of events or the rationale for her decisions.

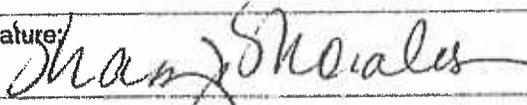
2. Briefly describe recommended corrective actions:  
(Include each corrective action, due date, responsible party, and any disciplinary actions if appropriate)

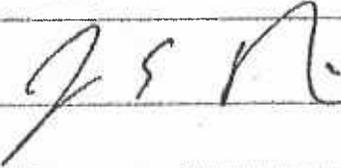
- A.1. On February 4, 2016, the revised JMH Treatment Program Policy, 70.2.1, was signed and requires specific procedures to use for inmates who are lying on the floor when approached for evaluation, and when to refer such inmates for a medical evaluation.
- A.2. On April 16, 2016, an email notification regarding the revisions was sent to all staff.

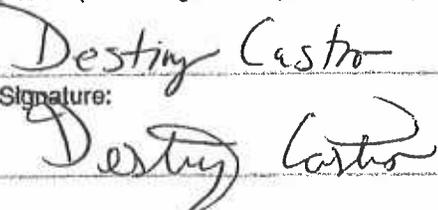
- B1. On June 20, 2012, the employee's supervisor held a discussion with the employee regarding documenting more detailed information of the timeline of events in the future.
- B2. On April 16, 2016, an e-mail notification was sent to all JMH staff regarding justifying a decision for the transfer of an inmate.
- B3. On May 9, 2016, the development of a guideline for enhanced documentation was presented to the Quality Management Committee for implementation.
- B4. JMH, now Correctional Health Services as of July 1, 2016, has engaged in the revision and consolidation of the Medical and Mental Health Policy and Procedure manuals into a single set of Policies and Procedures. One of the initial policies, M211.01, addresses the timeliness of documentation. All documentation will now need to be completed by the end of that work shift.

3. Are the corrective actions addressing department-wide system issues?

- Yes – The corrective actions address department-wide system issues.
- No – The corrective actions are only applicable to the affected parties.

Name: (Risk Management Coordinator) Margo Morales	
Signature: 	Date: 12/27/16

Name: (Department Head) Jonathan Sherin, M.D., Ph.D.	
Signature: 	Date: 1/3/17

<b>Chief Executive Office Risk Management Inspector General USE ONLY</b>	
Are the corrective actions applicable to other departments within the County?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, the corrective actions potentially have County-wide applicability.	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, the corrective actions are applicable only to this department.	
Name: (Risk Management Inspector General)	
Signature: 	Date: 1/9/2016

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Non-Litigated Claims of Robert L. Ritchie and Deanna Ritchie
CASE NUMBER	N/A
COURT	N/A
DATE FILED	November 29, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 29,257.91 (sum includes payment already made of \$14,621.67)
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	N/A
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Lillian Russell Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This claim arises from a blocked sewer mainline that caused a sewage backflow into Claimants' residence and damaged their real and personal property. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full settlement of the claim is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 0
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 14,621

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Erin Hughes v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC549059
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	June 17, 2014
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 99,999.99
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Barry S. Zelner
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This lawsuit arises out of an incident on November 21, 2013, when a County owned and maintained tree allegedly fell on plaintiff Erin Hughes' vehicle while she was driving on Piuma Road in Malibu. Ms. Hughes claims to have suffered injuries and damages as a result of the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ \$140,452
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ \$28,100

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Javier Coria Gonzalez, et al. v. Juan G. Alonso, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC590459
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	August 5, 2015
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Public Works
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 70,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Kamyar R. Shayan
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	This case involves a vehicle collision that occurred on February 21, 2014, when the Toyota Prius driven by a Los Angeles County Department of Public Works employee collided with the Lincoln Navigator sport utility vehicle driven by plaintiff Javier Gonzalez on westbound Beverly Boulevard, just east of Acacia Avenue, in the City of Pico Rivera. Plaintiffs Berenice Banuelos and Fernanda Coria were also in the vehicle with Mr. Gonzalez. Each of the plaintiffs claims to have suffered injuries and damages from the accident. Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 11,935
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 11,709

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Old Republic General Insurance Corporation v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC582690
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	May 21, 2015
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 87,391.41
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Matthew Soleimanpour Matthews Law Group
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Richard K. Kudo Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>Old Republic General Insurance Corporation ("Old Republic") intervened in a lawsuit involving a pedestrian versus forklift accident between plaintiff James Cobb and an on duty Department of Health Services County employee. Mr. Cobb claims injuries as a result of the accident and obtained workers' compensation benefits for the medical expenses he incurred and the loss of earnings he claims to have sustained. Old Republic paid those benefits and seeks reimbursement of the amounts paid.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 183,053
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 53,505

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Michael Young v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	VC 065892
COURT	Los Angeles County Superior Court
DATE FILED	October 27, 2016
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Department of Health Services
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 299,950
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Jody C. Moore Law Offices of Johnson and Moore
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Narbeh Bagdasarian Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>On November 3, 2015, Michael Young, a 46-year-old male, was transferred to Rancho Los Amigos National Rehabilitation Center ("Rancho") to undergo rehabilitation. He remained at Rancho until June 16, 2016 when he was transferred to another facility. During his stay at Rancho, Mr. Young's pressure ulcer which existed before his admission to Rancho became aggravated. Mr. Young's skin condition was eventually treated at Rancho.</p> <p>Mr. Young filed a lawsuit against the County of Los Angeles alleging that the Rancho providers did not provide proper care to quickly treat his pressure sore.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 78,915
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 23,834

## CASE SUMMARY

### INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Yan Kay, Juan Carlos. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	BC574156
COURT	Los Angeles Superior Court
DATE FILED	March 3, 2015
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Fire Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$292,000 (\$55,000-Yan Kay; \$237,500-Juan Carlos)
ATTORNEYS FOR PLAINTIFFS	Bo Champion, Esq. Steve Lerman, Esq.
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Adrian G. Gragas Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This lawsuit arises from a vehicle collision that occurred on November 27, 2014, in which the Plaintiffs were injured when a Fire Department Fire Fighter driving a Fire Engine collided into Plaintiff Juan Carlos' vehicle causing his vehicle to collide into Plaintiff Yan Kay at the intersection of Norwalk Boulevard and Excelsior Drive, in the City of Norwalk.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a full and final settlement of the case is warranted.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$69,125
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$22,328

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING

January 8, 2018

**1. Call to Order.**

This meeting of the County of Los Angeles Claims Board was called to order at 9:28 a.m. The meeting was held in the Executive Conference Room, 648 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, Los Angeles, California.

Claims Board Members present at the meeting were: Chair Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera and Roger Granbo.

Other persons in attendance at the meeting were: Office of the County Counsel: Jonathan McCaverty, Edwin Lewis, and Richard Kudo; Sheriff's Department: April Tardy, Curtis Jensen, Matt Burson, Steven Katz, Kevin Percy, and Dominic Dannan; Fire Department: Julia Bennett.

**2. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Claims Board on items of interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Claims Board.**

No members of the public addressed the Claims Board.

**3. Closed Session – Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (Subdivision (a) of Government Code section 54956.9)**

At 9:30 a.m., the Chairperson adjourned the meeting into Closed Session to discuss the items listed as 4(a) through 4(d) below.

**4. Report of actions taken in Closed Session.**

At 10:07 a.m., the Claims Board reconvened in open session and reported the actions taken in Closed Session as follows:

**a. Norvell Fobi v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. CV 16-09263**

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations involving a non-fatal Deputy-involved shooting of Plaintiff as he fled during a traffic stop.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$350,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

**b. Frank Acosta v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
United States District Court Case No. 15-CV-09857**

This lawsuit concerns allegations of civil rights violations and excessive force when Plaintiff was shot while he was a passenger in a vehicle that was fleeing from Sheriff's Deputies.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board recommended to the Board of Supervisors the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$200,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

**c. Isaac Solorio, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 612 416**

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Fire Department patrol truck.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$55,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

**d. Jasmine Stoval v. County of Los Angeles, et al.  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 623 241**

This lawsuit arises from injuries sustained in a vehicle accident involving a Fire Department tow truck.

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the settlement of this matter in the amount of \$25,000.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

**5. Approval of the minutes of the December 18, 2017, regular meeting of the Claims Board.**

Action Taken:

The Claims Board approved the minutes.

Vote: Ayes: 3 – Steve Robles, Arlene Barrera, and Roger Granbo

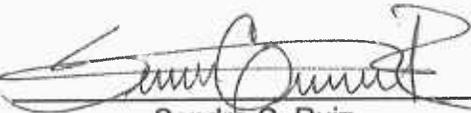
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No such matters were discussed.

7. **Adjournment.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CLAIMS BOARD

By   
Sandra C. Ruiz